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1. IN RESPONSE TO DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST, WE SUMMARIZE BELOW
ACTIONS WE HAVE TAKEN TO MEET CONCERNS OF ROMANIANS MENTIONED
IN REFTEL.

A. CONSULTATIONS -- WE HAVE CONSULTATED WITH LIPATTI ON
ROMANIAN CONCERN FOUR TIMES SINCE RECEIPT OF REFTEL, WITH
LATEST MEETING MORNING OF DECEMBER 5. DURING THESE MEETINGS
WE HAVE MADE FULL USE OF RECENT GUIDANCE WE HAVE RECEIVED
ON SUBJECTS OF SPECIAL CONCERN TO ROMANIA. WE HAVE ALSO
CONSULTED REGULARLY WITH MEMBERS OF ROMANIAN DELEGATION
DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR KEY ISSUES.

B. NON-USE OF FORCE (NUF) -- WE HAVE EXPLAINED
OUR PRESENT INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY TO LIPATTI, BUT HAVE
STRESSED THAT THIS SUBJECT IS UNDER CONTINUING REVIEW
IN WASHINGTON. WE HAVE TOLD HIM THAT NEW ROMANIAN FORMULA-
TIONS FOR PARA 3 OF NUF PAPER, AS WELL AS ROMANIAN-PROPOSED
ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE FOR NUF PREAMBLE, HAVE BEEN TRANSMITTED
TO WASHINGTON, AND THAT WE ARE AWAITING NEW INSTRUCTIONS.
WE TOOK LINE THAT THIS PROBLEM CAN PROBABLY BE RESOLVED

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IN A SATISFACTORY FASHION, BUT THAT THIS MAY TAKE TIME.

TO EXPEDITE REGISTRATION OF PARA 3, WE OFFERED TO USE BRACKETS TO PROTECT OUR CONCERNs. WHEN ROMANIANS RESISTED THIS, WE SAID WE WOULD CONSIDER ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES TO AN INTERIM SOLUTION PERMITTING EARLY PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION. MEANWHILE, WE HAVE BEGUN SOUNDINGS WITH BRITISH AND FRENCH ON THIS PROBLEM. IN RESPONSE TO LIPATTI'S SPECIAL REQUEST, WE REMAINED SILENT WHEN ROMANIAN DEL TABLED THEIR REVISED VERSION OF PARA 3 IN CSCE SUBCOMMITTEE, AND HE HAS EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THIS ATTITUDE. IN ADDITION, WE HAVE CALLED ATTENTION OF NATO CAUCUS TO NEED FOR FINDING ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION TO PARA 3 PROBLEM, AND WILL CONTINUE INFORMAL SOUNDINGS WITH MAIN INTERESTED ALLIED DELS IN ORDER TO PREPARE ALTERNATIVE SUGGESTIONS FOR DEALING WITH PARA 3 PROBLEM. WE WILL TRANSMIT THESE SUGGESTIONS BY SEPTEL WHEN WE HAVE COMPLETED OUR SOUNDINGS (GENEVA 7079 AND 7285).

C. EUROPEAN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES -- LIPATTI HAS MADE CLEAR TO US HIS GOVERNMENT'S APPRECIATION FOR THE SUPPORT WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY GIVEN ROMANIANS DURING PERIOD OF SEVERAL MONTHS ON THIS ISSUE. WE HAVE CONTINUED TO SUPPORT ROMANIAN VIEW (SHARED BY OTHER PARTICIPATING STATES WHO CONSIDER THEMSELVES LDC'S) THAT SOME REFERENCE TO EUROPEAN LDC'S SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN FINAL BASKET II TEXTS. MOST RECENTLY TURKS HAVE WORKED OUT A COMPROMISE FORMULA ON THIS POINT WHICH IS ACCEPTABLE TO ALL OTHER EUROPEAN LDC'S AND MAY BE ACCEPTABLE TO SOVIETS, WHO HAVE LEAD OPPOSITION TO SUCH A REFERENCE. DESPITE FACT THAT IT IS ACCEPTABLE TO OTHER INTERESTED DELS, ROMANIANS HAVE TOLD US THAT THEY CANNOT ACCEPT TURKISH COMPROMISE UNDER THEIR PRESENT INSTRUCTIONS. WE CONSIDER THIS COMPROMISE ADEQUATE, ESPECIALLY SINCE OTHER EUROPEAN LDC'S CAN AGREE, BUT IN DEFERENCE TO ROMANIAN POSITION WE WILL NOT REPEAT NOT SPEAK IN FAVOR OF IT IN FULL CSCE SESSIONS (GENEVA 6865 AND 7261).

D. FOLLOW-UP -- WE HAVE EXPLAINED US VIEW OF FOLLOW-UP TO LIPATTI PER REFTEL. HE HAS SHOWN APPRECIATION, AND ON DEC. 5 PROVIDED US WITH HIS "PERSONAL IDEAS" ON POSSIBLE COMPROMISE FORMULA FOR FOLLOW-UP (SEPTEL). ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT REPEAT NOT TOLD LIPATTI ABOUT IT, WE HAVE MOVED

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TO PROMPT ALLIED REFLECTION ON ACCEPTABLE COMPROMISE SOLUTIONS TO FOLLOW-UP EQUATION. THUS WE SUGGESTED AT NAC ON DEC 3 THAT NATO DELEGATIONS IN GENEVA SHOULD CONSULT ON THIS QUESTION IN THE NEAR FUTURE, AND WE PLAN TO ENCOURAGE OPENING SUCH CONSULTATIONS EARLY IN THE NEW YEAR. (GENEVA 7079 AND 7191).DALE

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